



JACKSON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) 2023 - 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

County: Responsible Agency:

Project: Fund Source: Year Apportioned:

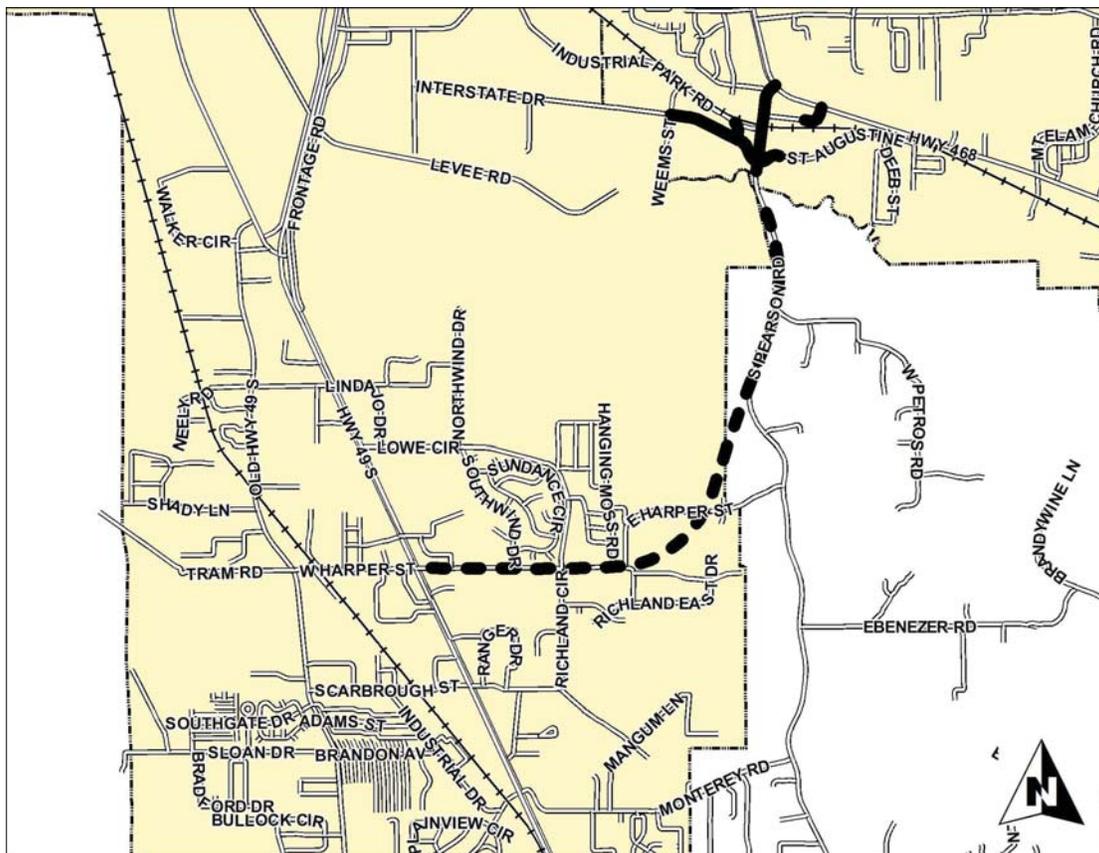
Route: Project Length: Total Project Cost:

Termini:

Scope of Work:

Project Detail:	Fiscal Year:	Description:	Federal Share:	State/Local Share:	Total Cost Estimate:
540061/001	2023	PE	\$750,000	\$187,500	\$937,500
540061/001	2023	ENV	\$250,000	\$62,500	\$312,500
540061/001	2024	ROW	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
SUB-TOTAL FOR PROJECT 540061			\$5,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$6,250,000

Note: Earmark funds awarded in FY 2023 Appropriations Bill





1/24/2023

Mayor Jake Windham
City of Pearl
P.O. Box 5948
Pearl, MS 39288

RE: Letter of Support-Pearl/Richland Intermodal Connector Phase II
2023 Department of Transportation RAISE Planning Application

Dear Mayor Windham:

I'm so excited about the daily progress I see each day during my travel to and from my office on Ware Street. I applaud your continued leadership in partnership with the City of Richland, through the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector Commission, to actively pursue completion of the Pearl/Richland Intermodal Connector Project. Mississippi's 2017 Statewide Freight Plan identified this project as a Critical Urban Freight Corridor because of the connectivity of public roads in urbanized areas to a Primary Highway Freight System, the Interstate and intermodal freight facilities. Specifically, this project will support intermodal rail/truck transfers for safe and efficient freight movement on the I-20/KCS and US 49/CN Corridors. Further, the project will ease traffic congestion by rerouting freight traffic to measurably improve public safety for motorists and first responders; and create an efficient connection between two (2) Low Income Community Opportunity Zones; 1) Pearl (#2812102701) and 2) Richland (#281210220401). Your persistence was critical to secure the \$16.18M necessary to get Phase I under construction with completion anticipated for the Spring of 2023. Phase I will widen existing South Pearson Road to 5-lanes from north of Richland Creek to SR 468 including connecting roads and construct an overpass bridge over the Kansas City Southern Railway to eliminate a potentially dangerous rail crossing. Phase I was funded by Federal Highway Administration and Mississippi Department of Transportation.

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Sincerely,

Debbie Tindell / Administrative Asst.
Helmerich & Payne

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January 23, 2023

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Kevin McIntosh



State of Mississippi

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Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 25, 2023

Mayor Jake Windham
City of Pearl
P.O. Box 5948
Pearl, MS 39288

RE: RAISE Grant
Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector
City of Pearl, MS

Dear Mayor Windham:

I am writing in support of the city of Pearl, Mississippi's 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant application for funding for the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector. Mississippi's 2017 Statewide Freight Plan identified this project as a Critical Urban Freight Corridor.

The Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector project is vital for safer and more efficient freight movement along the I-20/Kansas City Southern and U.S. Highway 49/Canadian National corridors. Additionally, the project will ease traffic congestion by rerouting freight traffic to measurably improve public safety for motorists and first responders, and it will create an efficient connection between the two Low Income Community Opportunity Zones of Pearl and Richland. Phase I of this crucial project will be completed this spring. Phase II will widen existing thoroughfares and construct a connector road for increased safety and congestion mitigation, effectively completing the remaining portion of the project. If the requested RAISE Grant funding is awarded, the project will incorporate new environmentally sustainable measures and other technologies for increased safety and community health.

I am thankful for the city of Pearl's commitment to improving the lives of its citizens and visitors, and thank you for your consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Hipp".

Laura Hipp
Deputy Executive Director

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